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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/690,576
Applicants: Keiji AMANO, et al.
Filing Date: October 23, 2003
For: BUMPER BEAM FOR AUTOMOBILES
Group Art Unit: 3612
Examiner: PAPE, J.

SIR:

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PROVISIONAL ELECTION OF SPECIES

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SIR:

In response to the Election of Species requirement dated July 26, 2004, the Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the species of Figures 1 and 2 and identifies Claims 1, 2, 5-7, and 14 as readable on the provisionally elected species.

MPEP § 803 states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

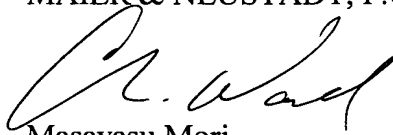
The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding Election requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

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dated July 26, 2004

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single species be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-14 be conducted.

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